contributed by Government of India, Rs. 80/- by weaver and Rs. 100/- by Life Insurance Corporation of India. The benefits are Rs. 50,000/- for natural death and Rs. 80,000/- for accidental death.

Targets fixed for development of Textiles Industry

†126. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets have been fixed upto 2010 by Government keeping the development of textiles industry, in view;

(b) if so, what the total production of textiles is likely to be undertaken in the country and the quantum by which it will exceed the total production registered during the production year 2005-06; and

(c) the percentage out of the said production earmarked for export and what will be this target as compared to present export?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) National Textile Policy (NTP)-2000 makes a vision statement to achieve textile and apparel exports of US$ 50 billion by 2010. However, the textile export targets are fixed on year to year basis keeping in view the most recent export trends and potential for future growth in different textile sub-sectors. For the year 2005-06, the textile export target has been fixed at US$ 15.56 bilion.

(b) and (c) According to the industry's vision (a study by CRISIL on behalf of Indian Cotton Mills Federation), the Indian textiles and apparel industry can achieve a potential size of US$ 85 billion by 2010, from the current size of about US $ 36 billion, of which, the domestic market potential would be US $ 45 billion and export potential would be US $ 40 billion.

Combining of mill and powerloom sector of textiles

†127. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate a scheme for

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development of textile industry in the country combining mill and power-loom sector together;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the draft of the proposed scheme; and

(c) the benefits likely to be achieved on combining production units of above both sectors?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) Doesn't arise.

Projects for handloom weavers

128. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revive and rejuvenate handloom weavers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan;

(c) whether it is a Centrally sponsored project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the project would cover the entire needs of this sector in each cluster for supply of raw material, marketing support, upgradation of technology and welfare of the weavers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with action plan to help the Orissa State to develop this sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has launched 3 new Centrally sponsored schemes for the revival and rejuvenation of the handloom weavers in the country.

(d) to (f) The development scheme titled 'Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme' proposes to develop 20 handloom clusters throughout the country. Following a holistic approach, the scheme will cover the entire needs of the handloom sector in each cluster for supply of raw materials, marketing support, design inputs, upgradation of technology and welfare of the weavers. Quality human resource inputs for various

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